

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. Claims 35-37 have been added to further scope the invention. No new matter has been entered by the foregoing.

Turning to the art rejections, and considering first the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-9, and 12-13 under 35 USC §102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,337,824 to Kono, *et al.* (hereafter "Kono"), claim 1 requires a device forming portion with specific geometry. Kono fails to disclose any such device forming region. In Kono *et al.*, the second conductivity type well region 40 is surrounded on three sides by the second conductivity type semiconductor layer ("N well" 30) which in turn is formed on the first conductivity type semiconductor substrate 35. Thus, Kono fails to disclose all the features of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 and claims 2-6, 8, 9, 12, and 13, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, cannot be said to be anticipated by Kono.

Turning to the rejection of claim 11 as obvious from Kono in view of Disney and the rejection of claims 7 and 10 as obvious from Kono in view of Kawaguchi *et al.*, it is submitted that neither secondary reference motivates one to modify Kono to include the above discussed limitations that are missing from the teachings of Kono. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 1 and all the claims that depend directly or indirectly thereon.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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